

Frequency of futile care in viewpoint of ICU nurses in province of Qazvin (2014)

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★Abstract

Background: Futile care is provided many complicated challenges for nursing in intensive care units in Iran.

Objective: This study aimed to study prevalence of futile care from the viewpoints of nurses that working ICU.

Methods: This descriptive-analytical study was conducted on totally 210 nurses working in all ICU of academic, public, and private hospitals of Qazvin city in 2014. Data were analyzed using Chi-square, independent t-test, one-way ANOVA and Friedman tests.

Findings: The most prevalence of providing futile care was in teaching hospital (51.98 ± 23.2), and the least prevalence was in charity hospital (37.3 ± 12.77). There was significant difference between mean of futile care in different hospitals ($P < 0.007$).

Conclusion: As the key role of nurses in the managing futile care, awareness about prevalence of this kind of care, could be initial step for providing benefit care plans in ICU.

Keywords: Futile care, Nurses' attitude, Intensive care unit, Prevalence

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